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NEW MINING METHODS INCREASE PRODUCTION

EXPANDED CUT OPERATIONS IMPROVE OUTPUT -- Sofia Izgrev, 19 Jul 50

The multistope system, introduced in mining in 1947, and expanded cut operations have considerably improved coal production. Thus, in the first 6 months of 1950, the production of the Georgi Dimitrov Mine has exceeded the output during the same period in 1949 by 150,000 tons and has met the plan by 103.8 percent, whereas productivity has increased by 11 percent and cost has been reduced by 8 percent. Similarly favorable results have been obtained in the Bobov Dol, Cherno More, Tvurditsa, and Beli Bryag coal mines. However, the Maritsa Mine has met the plan by only 91.2 percent, due to the inadequate digging of lignite in the Maritsa Basin and hauling stoppages in the mines.

The number of shock workers operating on the multistope system is rapidly increasing and achieving very high work results. Thus, in the Maritsa Mine, three recently established brigades, with 33 miners each, have exceeded the norm by 157 percent, instead of meeting it by 75 percent as heretofore. The average cutting progress has increased from 0.82 meter per shift to 2.30 meters, and work brigades of the Bobov Dol Mine have improved their cutting progress from 1.10 to 1.98 meters. The highest work results have been achieved in the Pirin Mine of the Dimitrovo area, operated by nine brigades of 54 miners each, whereas the Georgi Dimitrov Mine is operated by 92 brigades.

The Maritsa Mine is now working on expanded cuts exclusively, and the same is true of the Pirin Mine, where six cuts are now ready for operation.

Conveyer services are entirely mechanized in the Maritsa Mine, and mechanized to a large extent in the Georgi Dimitrov Mine. The establishment of detailed norms for individual work has increased work productivity in digging by 14 percent.

CHANGE VOLTAGE -- Sofia Izgrev, 27 Jun 50

The low-voltage system of the Levski District of Sofia has been changed from 150 to 380/220 volts.

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